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In response to the final Office Action dated April 6, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application for the reasons set forth below.

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

The undersigned attorney of record hereby states that the above-identified Application No. 10/060,458 and U.S. Patent No. 5,843,560 were, at the time the invention of Application No. 10/060,458 was made, jointly owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment jointly to, RICOH COMPANY, LTD. and TOHOKU RICOH CO., LTD.